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MANILA FOR ADB

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING; JAPANESE AID TO INDOCHINA
COUNTRIES

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1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 28, FONOFF REP (SEZAKI, DEPUTY
HEAD, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION) TOLD EMBOFF THAT
FONOFF HAD RECEIVED CABLE FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON
SAYING PROPOSED INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING HAS BEEN PUT OFF FROM
JULY 9-10 UNTIL QTE AUTUMN UNQTE BECAUSE QTE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
UNQTE WERE UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING AT THIS
TIME. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IBRD HAD BEEN
SOUNDING OUT POTENTIAL DONORS ON MEETING BUT THAT
NO FIRM DECISION TO HOLD MEETING HAD BEEN REACHED. AT ANY
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RATE, EMBOFF CONTINUED, USG FULLY AWARE

GOJ VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF MEETING AND USG
ALSO DESIRES MEETING BE HELD AT EARLY DATE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, SEZAKI SAID
CABLE HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFIC ON NEW TARGET DATE FOR
MEETING OR ON NAMES OF COUNTRIES UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE.
GOJ WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING, HOWEVER, EVEN
IF QTE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES UNQTE DID NOT PARTICIPATE,
HE SAID.

3. SEZAKI SAID GOJ STILL HOPING MEETING WILL BE HELD.
IN SUCH CASE, GOJ WOULD DECIDE NEW AID LEVELS TO INDO-
CHINA COUNTRIES FOLLOWING MEETING. HOWEVER, EVEN IF
SUCH A MEETING IS NOT HELD, HE SAID, ECONOMIC COOPERATION
BUREAU OFFICIALS HAVE RECOMMENDED TO FONMIN THAT GOJ
MOVE FORWARD WITH, AT LEAST, NEW AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM,
AND PERHAPS TO LAOS AS WELL. (EXACT TIMING OF NEW AID
TO SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD DEPEND ON PACE OF UTILIZATION OF
RECENT YEN 8.25 BILLION COMMODITY LOAN.) CAMBODIA
POSES THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AND FONOFF NOT SURE
WHAT ADDITIONAL AID MAY BE PROVIDED TO THAT COUNTRY.
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